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## RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief having a mailing date of January 9, 2007, with a time for response set to expire on February 9, 2007, and extended by one month to March 9, 2007 by the petition and fee filed herewith, Appellants respond as follows:

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Patent Appeal Center Manger, Toi Johnson, asserts that Appellants' Second Appeal Brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. It appears that while Appellants' Second Appeal Brief does contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims, that there are no sub-headings under the "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" section in Appellants' Second Appeal Brief identifying which of the independent claims were being explained. By not having such sub-headings, Appellants' Second Appeal Brief was deemed to be noncompliant. Appellants have amended the Second Appeal Brief (referred to as the "Amended Second Appeal Brief") by including such sub-headings. As a result, Appellants respectfully assert that the Amended Second Appeal Brief, filed herewith, is in compliance and respectfully request the Patent Appeal Center Manager to withdraw the notice of non-compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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